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### **Response to Applicants' Amendment**

The amendment filed on 06/07/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicants' reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.11 (b) because it does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the added new claim(s) 23-27 are patentable over the applied references. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (b). Since the above- mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, the Applicants' are given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 703-308-1038. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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